think that the Government will include it as early as possible. Government have pleasure to accept the resolution, subject to financial consideration.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Since the Government have accepted it I do not think that I should press this resolution.

The resolution was withdrawn with leave of the House.

3. Improvement of Thevar Road.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Sir, I beg to move the following resolution. "This Council recommends to the Government to take immediate steps to improve the Thevar Road in the Trichur Taluk." The Thevar Road is a short cut road between Chirakkal and Karivannur. It is one side of an almost equilateral triangle, the other two sides being the road from Chirakal to Urakam and that from Urakam to Karivannur. It reduces the distance between Triprayar and Karivannur by at least 3 miles. It passes through a thickly populated place called Panamkulam. This was a cartable road once. Strictly speaking it is no road at all now on account of long neglect. Some portions of the road had been completely washed away by the flood of 1099. When this road was neglected by the Government the cultivators of the neighbouring paddy lands began to encroach upon it. Panamkulam is a growing village and there are a very large number of Ezhuva and Muhammedan houses. This is the only road for the people of that village. Since no cart can go through that road, the people of the village have to take the articles produced there which consists mainly of paddy and cocoanut as head loads to the markets. Great difficulty is also felt in taking articles of daily use to that village. The public had brought the unsatisfactory condition of this road to the notice of the Government both through this Council and by means of petitions. The Government had promised to redress their long felt grievance. I find a sum of Rs. 300 provided in the Panchayat budget for this road. The Government will not be able to do anything tangible with this small amount. The length of the road will be about 2 miles. At least 3 or 4 good culverts will have to be constructed. The big ditches in some parts of the road caused by the flood will have to be covered up. The road will have also to be metalled and the metals will have to be brought from distant places. I do not know what they will be able to do with this Rs. 300. Probably they will be able to get the encroachment removed and re-mark the whole road. I am also afraid that it is too big a work for the Panchayat. I therefore request the Government to accept this resolution and take up the improvement of this useful road in the next year itself and remove a long-felt grievance.

Mr. C. N. Ittiravi Nambudiri.—I second it.

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Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Sir, the proposal has been referred to the Road Board and as soon as their reply is received, the necessity or not for this work will be decided. This sum of Rs. 300 is provided only for the very minor repairs that could be done by the Panchayat Department. When the work is finally decided to be taken up it will be entrusted to the P. W. D. The idea is to refer all such proposals to the Road Board. The question can be decided only after receiving the reply of the Board.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—In the light of this assurance, I beg leave to withdraw the resolution.

The resolution was withdrawn with leave of the House.

4. Total Prohibition in the State.

As the following resolution was not moved it was also considered withdrawn.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—*This Council recommends to the Government to introduce total prohibition in the State within a period of three years.*

Concluding Remarks by the Deputy President.

Deputy President.—Hon'ble Members, I have to bring to your notice that last year out of 249 questions only 186 were answered and this year out of 252 questions 225 questions have been answered. So great credit is due to the Secretary to the Diwan. That is the first point that I have to bring to your notice.

Hon'ble Members, we have now come to the end of the Budget Session of 1106 and have made certain observations on the budget for 1107. I am sure the Government will take into their anxious consideration the aspirations of the non-official Members and the several remarks on the working of the Departments in their charge, as they are all made to promote the interests of the people of Cochin and for their welfare.

It is my fond hope that the Heads of Departments who have listened to the debate and discussions inside the House will now go to their respective spheres of activity, fortified with the criticisms voiced forth inside this House. In carrying out their functions and in the discharge of their duties, I am sure they will generate contentment, satisfaction and happiness all round.

Hon'ble Members, with your co-operation, I am glad, the Proceedings in the Council have been characterised with the gravity and dignity that have always been associated with it.

With these few words, I prorogue the Council.

C. J. MATHEW,
Secretary to the Council.

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